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## **VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK OPEN HOUSE AND AWARD CEREMONY TUESDAY, APRIL 25th IN SYKESVILLE**

### **NATIONAL VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK 2006: "STRENGTH IN UNITY"**

- WHO:** DPSCS executive staff; victim service providers; DPSCS advocates for victims' rights; crime victims who have made special contributions to victims' rights and will be honored
- WHAT:** Seventh Annual Victims' Rights Open House & Awards  
**WHEN:** Tuesday, April 25, 2006 at 9:30 a.m.
- WHERE:** Public Safety Education and Training Center, 6852 Fourth St. in Sykesville (glass-front building on the grounds of the Springfield Hospital Center)
- HIGHLIGHTS:** Reflections of a victim and advocate by Debbie Hardy, whose daughter was killed in a multi-fatal crash caused by a repeat DWI offender
- Murder victims' memorial wall, a stunning display featuring hundreds of murder victims' names which was crafted by the parents of a young man who was killed
- Awards to crime victims/advocates & DPSCS victim services personnel
- Victim service providers and agencies

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